



St. Patrick Catholic School
The Irish Weekly
Week of Nov. 21-25, 2022



Our Mission Statement

To lay the foundation for success in students through Catholic traditions, rooted in the Eucharist and Gospel teachings of Christ, with high standards of education in a safe, nurturing, and welcoming environment.



Giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. Col 1:12



Special thank you to our Fall Festival Sponsors:

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Welcome Sister Nune Titoian

We are excited to welcome Sister Nune Titoian, a Sister from the Congregation of the Holy Family, to our school staff. Sister Nune will take over teaching religion to PreK-3 through 4th grade when we return from Thanksgiving recess.

Thanksgiving Recess this Week

Our Thanksgiving recess begins this **Tuesday, November 22, at 11:45am**. Students in PreK and VPK will dismiss at 10:45am, and grades K-8 will dismiss at 11:45am. There WILL NOT be aftercare that day. The school office will close at 12:00pm. The school will be closed until **Monday, November 28**. Happy Thanksgiving!

Fan Spirit Store

Our fan spirit store is open for SPCS fan apparel. It will close on Sunday evening, **November 20**. To order, please go to https://www.spcsirish.com/st_patrick_fanwear/shop/home.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 22**. If your child's grandparents would like to attend the morning, please RSVP through this Sign-Up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-grandparents2>. We are also looking for donations of donut holes, mini muffins, small pastries, and juice boxes for the event. If you would like to donate, service hours will be available (1 hour for 3 boxes—or juice packs—donated). Donations can be brought to school starting on **Monday, November 21**.

Book Fair

The Book Fair runs through Tuesday, **November 22**. If you would like to volunteer, please see the following Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-scholastic5>

All-School Science Day Nov. 21

Our All-School Science Day will be held on **Monday, November 21**. The day will be a regular school day, devoted entirely to science. The day will feature STREAM projects in each classroom, as well as large group presentations.

Advent Program December 1

We will be holding an Advent Program for parents and students on **Thursday, December 1** from 5:00-7:00pm. The event will include a prayer service/explanation of Advent, a craft, and pizza/drinks/dessert. To sign up to attend, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-advent6>

St. Nicholas Day December 6

Once again this year, SPCS will be asking students to decorate a shoe to leave out for St. Nicholas on his feast day on December 6. Please see the flyer at the end of this Irish Weekly for more information.

Upcoming Christmas Show Schedule

The original schedule for Christmas performances (K-5 on Dec. 9, and 6-8 on Dec. 16) will need to be changed due to several factors. The new schedule for performances will be communicated as soon as it has been finalized. For the Pre-K and VPK performances, the Dec. 14 date will remain the same, with the following line-up:

Mrs. Wilkerson/Ms. Phyllicia	PreK-3 8:00-8:45
Mrs. Winna/Ms. Olivia	VPK B 9:00-9:45
Ms. Williams/Ms. Stephanie	VPK A 10:00-10:45
Ms. Devon/Ms. Ainsley	VPK C/D 11:00-11:45

Congratulations to our Class Winner!

Congratulations to the Kindergarten for bringing in the most donations for the Fall Festival. They will receive a party of their teacher's choice to celebrate, compliments of the HSA.

Open House Dates Have Changed

Our Open House schedule has changed slightly. We will now be offering Open House opportunities for perspective families on **Wednesday, January 25**, from 6:00-8:00pm, and **Sunday, January 29**, from 12:00-2:00pm. Please encourage families you know to visit.

Sacramental Prep Information



*Scan Me to
Register for
Sacramental
Prep*

Classes for the Immediate preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation begin in the winter/spring of 2023.

Pre-Registration Required

Registration and submission of baptismal certificate Deadline: December 31, 2022

Registration Requirements for FHC and 1st Reconciliation: Child must be baptized Catholic and have been in religious education in 1st and 2nd grade and your family is a member of St. Patrick Parish.

Registration Requirements for Confirmation: Child must be baptized Catholic have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and have been in religious education in 7th and 8th grade and your family is a member of St. Patrick parish.

To Register online scan the QR Code or visit this link

<https://form.jotform.com/222153499794064>. There is no cost for sacramental prep classes.

In addition to the one you submitted to the school, you will need to submit a copy of your child's baptismal registration to the parish DRE: Cathy Taylor, ctaylor@spcsjax.org (PDF format preferred)

This Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, November 21—All School Science Day

- Book Fair 8:00-3:00
- NO DANCE CLASS TODAY
- Volleyball Practice 3-4:30pm
- Soccer Practice 3-4:15pm

Tuesday, November 22—Grandparents Day

- Book Fair 8:00-11:00
- Bundt Cake Order pick-up
- Orchestra Practice 12:00-2:00pm

Wednesday, November 23—No School

Thursday, November 24—No School

- Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 25—No School

Monday, November 28—Classes Resume

- Progress Reports Emailed
- Dance Class
- Volleyball Practice 3:00-4:30pm
- Soccer Practice 3:00-4:15pm



St. Nicholas is coming to town!



In celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas, the St. Patrick Catholic School community will take part in a tradition that dates back to the time of St. Nicholas in Myra, a city in the province of Lycia, in Asia Minor, around 400 A.D. Our students will be decorating a shoe to leave outside their classrooms in the hope that St. Nicholas will visit and will bless each student with a gift out of his tremendous generosity. Some guidelines for decorating the shoe are listed below. We hope that this tradition will follow our students throughout their time here at SPCS. Other schools that participate in this tradition have witnessed older students using the shoes they decorated in Kindergarten!

Some Ideas for Decorating Shoes

- Wrapping paper and bows
- Christmas colors, or another color scheme (school colors)
- Your favorite team or sport
- Your child's school picture and mementos of this school year.

Please Remember the Following

- The shoe must have an opening to receive the "gift" from St. Nicholas
- The shoe can be used, but should be as clean as possible
- Each student may decorate 1 shoe only

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Time: 8:30am

All students from SPCS are invited to participate!



For more information, contact the school office.